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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Dominican Republic Situation Report
(As of 9:00 PM EST)

1. No new major incidents of violence have been reported as of mid-afternoon, but the general strike appears to meeting with some success. Minor disturbances have been reported in a number of interior towns but they have been easily contained by security forces, according to US military sources.

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3. The decision of the PRD was made known to the US Embassy today by a top aid to Bosch. He said that the PRD will privately inform Garcia Godoy that for the strike to end, Defense Minister Rivera, but not the service chiefs, must depart. In revealing this position to the Embassy, Bosch is clearly attempting to pressure the US into taking quick action to force Rivera's exit. By not making the strike call public, Bosch makes himself appear as a "moderate" attempting to maintain peace and order. After Rivera is ousted, however, Bosch intends to reap a harvest of popular plaudits and publicly call for a return to work. Bosch's backing, even though tacit, will probably give this strike an impetus that other recent walkouts have lacked.

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4. It does not appear likely, however, that Rivera is ready to leave in the near future. He said this afternoon that there were positive indications the rebel camp will be dismantled in the immediate future but it does not seem likely that this will be the case. Significantly, Rivera stated he could not leave if it appeared he was knuckling under to leftist and Communist pressure since it would not be acceptable either to him or to the military as a whole.

5. The Embassy has commented on today's appointment of Colonel Morillo as National Police Chief, noting that he has worked closely with the US legal attaches and public safety advisors, and adding that he is regarded by the Embassy "as the best available choice". Opposition to his appointment within the police seems centered among those senior officers who stand to lose either their positions or privileges as a result of his expected "cleanup" drive. The Embassy adds that the general resistance of the military to this shift is probably the result of their reluctance to see Garcia Godoy make any changes in the leadership of the security services.

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